GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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STUDY ON TIGERS TURNING MAN-EATERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has commissioned the Wildlife Institute of India to study the reasons for the tigers turning man-eaters in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of these wild animals is diminishing in the protected areas and increasing near the habitations; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures suggested /taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d): Government of India has not commissioned the Wildlife Institute of India to study reasons for tigers turning man-eaters in Uttaranchal. However, such a study pertaining to leopards was taken up by the Wildlife Institute of India. There is no scientific evidence that these wild animals are diminishing in Protected Areas and increasing near the habitations.